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SUBJECT: SMITHSONIAN/SFCP - PROPOSED RESEARCH FIELD
TRIP BY DR. SALIM ALI TO U.S.

REF: (A) NEW DELHI 6311; (B) NEW DELHI 5745

1. LETTER ADDRESSED JUNE 18 BY DR. S. DILLON RIPLEY TO DR.
SALIM ALI CARE OF AMERICAN EMBASSY, NEW DELHI, CONTAINS
FOLLOWING FORMAL INVITATION: "WITH THS LETTER I WOULD LIKE
FORMALLY TO INVITE YOU TO MAKE A VISIT TO THE UNITED STATES
IN ORDER TO CONTINUE WORK ON A SECOND EDITION OF THE
HANDBOOK OF THE BIRDS OF INDIA AND PAKISTAN. THIS BOOK,
VOLUME 10 OF WHICH WAS PUBLISHED IN NOVEMBER 1974 AS YOU
KNOW HAS BEEN FUNDED TO A CONSIDERABLE EXTENT UNDER A
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FOREIGN CURRENCY GRANT NO. 3253 AND IS NOW COMPLETED.

HOWEVER THE FIRST VOLUME IS ALREADY OUT OF PRINT AND ADDITIONAL INFORMATION DEVELOPED SINCE ITS PUBLICATION IN 1968 REQUIRES CONSIDERABLE REVISIONARY WORK TO BE DONE IN PREPARATION FOR THE REISSUE OF THIS VOLUME BY THE OXFORD UNIVERSITY PRESS. ADDITIONALLY WORK ON MAPS AND DISTRIBUTION CHARTS AS WELL AS IMPROVEMENT OF THE COLOR PLATES REQUIRE CONSULTATION PREFERABLY IN THE UNITED STATES. I WOULD ALSO LIKE TO WORK WITH YOU ON DRAFT MATERIAL FOR THE SECOND VOLUME WHICH IS LIKELY TO FOLLOW THE SAME FATE AS

VOLUME 1 FAIRLY SOON. IN THIS CONNECTION THERE IS A CONSIDERABLE AMOUNT OF WORK STILL TO BE DONE ON BIRDS OF THE INDIAN PENINSULA AS WELL AS CONSIDERATION OF TWO SPECIES AMONG MANY OTHERS WHICH WE STUDIED DURING FEBRUARY 1975 IN THE FIELD IN ORISSA. I BELIEVE THAT THIS VISIT SHOULD PROBABLY TAKE PLACE FOR ABOUT FOUR MONTHS BEGINNING IN OCTOBER 1975 AND LASTING UNTIL THE END OF THE YEAR."

2. LETTER ALSO STATES: "I WOULD ASSUME THAT INTERNATIONAL COSTS WOULD BE MET THROUGH A FOREIGN CURRENCY GRANT APPROVED BY THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS. ADDITIONALLY CERTAIN PER DIEM COSTS IN THIS COUNTRY CAN BE MADE AVAILABLE THROUGH FUNDS IN DOLLARS IN THE UNITED STATES."

3. IN SAME LETTER DR. RIPLEY, SPEAKING AS PRESIDENT OF THE INTERNATIONAL COUNCIL ON BIRD PRESERVATION (ICBP) SUGGESTS THAT DR. SALIM ALI AS "THE MOST DISTINGUISHED INDIAN ORNITHOLOGIST" MIGHT SEEK MESSAGE OF INTRODUCTION FROM THE OFFICE OF THE PRIME MINISTER OF INDIA TO THE PRIME MINISTER OF MAURITIUS IN ORDER TO CONFER WITH THE LATTER ON ICBP BUSINESS WHILE EN ROUTE TO U.S."

4. PURSUANT EMBASSY SUGGESTION IN REFTEL (B), SMITHSONIAN WOULD BE GRATEFUL IF EMBASSY WOULD FORWARD INVITATION TO MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS WITH DIPLOMATIC NOTE.

5. DR. RIPLEY STRONGLY HOPES THAT DR. SALIM ALI'S TRIP CAN BE APPROVED BEFORE SEPTEMBER 1975 AND WOULD APPRECIATE ANY EFFORTS EMBASSY MAY MAKE TOWARD THIS END.

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6. SMI/SFCP WOULD SUPPORT AIRFARE NEW DELHI - WASHINGTON - NEW DELHI; SMITHSONIAN WOULD SUPPORT U.S. PER DIEM IN DOLLARS.

7. PLEASE ADVISE. INGERSOLL

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